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CORE:

Base readiness challenged in deployment exercise

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
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The year's final Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise phase I had 750 Barksdale members and more than one million pounds of supplies and equipment set to mock deploy to Base X in the Pacific between Monday and Thursday.

Evidence of the exercise could be seen in every unit, as people left their duty stations for deployment lines. As of Tuesday, Airmen had also lined up tons of equipment for deployment.

Behind the scenes at Hoban Hall, Capt. Gregory Boschert's office's operations tempo was at its highest. Captain Boschert, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the installation deployment officer for the wing and monitors both the people and equipment lines.

"A CORE phase I is a model of what we would do if Barksdale had to go to war right now," Capt. Boschert said. "In this exercise, we are sending 750 members to a forward location, as well as equipment from every group on base, from medical supplies from the 2d Medical Group to maintenance supplies, to equipment from LRS and equipment from the operations group."

Lt. Col. Glenn Carlson of 2d Bomb Wing Plans and Programs said the main goal of this exercise was to increase our



Staff Sgt. Jani Camferdam of the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron performs a gas mask fit test on Staff Sgt. Jeremy Liebenguth of the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron during the Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise Monday.

readiness for any potential worldwide tasking.

"We're also broadening ourselves just a bit from the last exercise in October. We're in the crawl stage of the 2d Bomb Wing commander's [Col. Michael Moeller], 'crawl, walk, run' progress from the last CORE and leading towards the next phase I and phase II starting in January."

Tuesday afternoon, Col. Ed Barnette, 2d BW Inspector General, looked across the flightline at the equipment with a hint of approval. He cites the lessons learned from the October phase I exercise as the reason why the wing is doing so well with this exercise.

"From my perspective, we're showing a better foot initially," the colonel said. "We had some growing pains on the last

exercise, but it had been a while since we had done a phase I. This time there's a better sense of urgency and we're starting to hit our stride out there. As compared to the last exercise, I think it's going a lot better."

Since Monday, Hoban Hall has been a well-trafficked area said Master Sgt. Gertrude Bryant, unit deployment manager for the 2d BW. At the auditorium, Airmen sat through a 15 to 20-minute briefing and then processed through a deployment line with tables donning titles such as services, finance, medical and chapel services.

"About 300 people went through the deployment lines on Tuesday," Sergeant Bryant said. "I think we might have been a tad behind for a while, but things are going well."

This is only the crawl stage of Colonel Moeller's plan to ensure the 2d BW's readiness. The next time a CORE happens, there will be a phase I that transitions into a phase II exercise where Base X is actually set up and Barksdale Airmen actually work from within it. The exercise is scheduled for January.

Bomber Trivia

What bomber aircraft did the 2d Bomb Wing operate from 1954-1963?

- A. B-52 Stratofortress
- B. B-47 Stratojet
- C. B-45 Tornado
- D. B-58 Hustler

See Page 5 for answer

Weekend Weather



Today
Mostly sunny

Hi: 69
Low: 45



Saturday
Mostly sunny

Hi: 59
Low: 38



Sunday
Mostly sunny

Hi: 65
Low: 39

Courtesy of the 26th Operational Weather Squadron

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2d CS keeps Barksdale talking

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Blue Angels to fly at Barksdale 2005 Open House, Air Show

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

	11th Bomb Squadron	40th Bomb Squadron	49th Bomb Squadron
Depicted in hours			
Goal:	271.4	154.5	351.8
Flown:	72.4	3.2	47.4
Remaining:	199.0	151.3	304.4
As of:			
Dec. 3	+14.3	-14.9	-14.0

Courtesy of the 2d Operations Group



World War II's victory is inspirational

Enjoy the holiday season, but remember those who served

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

This week we commemorated the 63rd anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1941, Americans responded to a "day that will live in infamy" with the spirit, commitment and courage that paved the way to victory in World War II.

Today, our nation is again at war and the greatest Armed Force the world has ever seen is deployed and engaged in a Global War on Terrorism. At this moment, there are hundreds of men and women from Team Barksdale, in distant lands, serving in harm's way to defend and uphold the values of our democracy. Just as in 1941, we have responded by banding together as a single team; ready to sacrifice and defeat our terrorist foes.

From the very beginning of our country, the foundation of our American military is built upon a simple tenet ... we trust each other with our lives and take care of each other through thick and thin. Throughout our history, this special trust has been called many things such as comradeship, esprit de corps and cohesion. But it boils down to the fact that on a daily basis every Airman trusts another with his or her life and will do everything in their power not to let a fellow warrior down. In our culture, the personal actions of a single individual are magnified by the power of this confidence and trust in each other so the unit has the conviction and muscle to overcome any obstacle to win victory.

Ross Perot put it very simply when he said, "Show me the person or institution not guided by teamwork, excellence and service; by the idea



that 'he profits most who serves best' and I will show you a person or an outfit that is dead or dying."

The men and women who serve in our Air Force today are guided by those watchwords of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. Our core values form their roots from our nation's birth, weave through every conflict and will continue to guide us as we move into the future. Every Deuce warrior knows we focus on making a difference rather than on making a profit — it is the lifeblood that keeps us second to none.

During this holiday season, we count our many blessings and give thanks to those brave patriots, from Valley Forge to Baghdad, who pledged to support and defend these United States. So, remember our fallen comrades upon whose shoulders our freedom rests and please keep today's deployed warriors in your thoughts and prayers. They, like all of you, are America's heroes — doing our nation's business protecting freedom and democracy around the globe.

Leadership reminds Airmen to be safe

BY GEN. JOHN JUMPER AND DR. JAMES ROCHE
AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF AND SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

The holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is a meaningful time, often spent with family and friends. Many of you may be spending more time traveling or participating in various winter sports like snowmobiling and skiing. While enjoyable, these and other activities increase the risk of personal injury. I need each of you this holiday season to take every effort to prevent mishaps.

Our ultimate goal is zero mishaps and a safe return to duty for every Airman after the holidays. This is a challenging, but achievable goal. Over the last four years, thirty-two Airmen lost their lives during the period between Thanksgiving and New

Year's Day. Private motor vehicle mishaps accounted for thirty of these deaths. These mishaps not only cause heartbreak and suffering; they affect our ability to defend the nation. We all lose when we lose one of our own.

During the holidays, we need you to assess and manage risks smartly, whether on roadways, in recreational activities, or performing your mission. Use good judgment about higher-risk activities, and never combine alcohol with driving or sports. Assess the situation, and consider options to limit risk and take proper action.

Take care of yourself and those around you by being a good wingman. Maintain the high state of readiness needed to serve our Nation. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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2d CS makes expeditionary impact

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. EARL CREAGH
2D COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

Commander's note from Lt. Col. Richard Converse, 2d Communications

Squadron commander: *Every day I hear more stories about the impact Team Barksdale is making around the globe. I've heard about Team Barksdale members setting up medical treatment systems in Northern Iraq, convoy members saving lives in Iraq, and Bayou Warriors serving 179-day tours protecting Americans around the world.*

Members of my own squadron set up the command and control network that helped capture Saddam Hussein. Hearing about these heroes fills me with pride, and although I can't tell all of their stories, I would like to share the following one, written by Senior Master Sgt. Earl Creagh, about his experiences while deployed to Iraq and the impact we are all making in the Global War on Terrorism.

On May 14, a four-person team from the 2d Communications Squadron deployed in support of Aerospace Expeditionary Force 9 and 10 to Balad Air Base, Iraq. Upon our arrival at Qatar, things began to change. It became apparent this deployment would be like no other.

For our trip to Balad, we changed into our desert camouflage uniforms; part of the change included body armor and a Kevlar helmet, an indication of what our three months would entail.

We were ushered aboard a C-130 to make the four-hour trip to Balad. Once there, we proceeded with the normal in-processing routine, part of which included an in-depth threat assessment briefing, a briefing that was reinforced later that day when our location experienced a rocket and mortar attack. During the in-processing phase, I was thrilled to find out that I, along with all the other members of the communications squadron, would be part of the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, the Red Tails Flyers, better known as the Tuskegee Airmen. After the processing phase, we were turned over to members of AEF 7 and 8, the team we would replace.

The pace was set for the next 90 days. Turnover was fast and furious. We had very little time to absorb as much information as possible because most of the team was leaving the same day. We received our official welcome to Balad by way of a rocket and mortar attack, an occurrence that would continue throughout our stay in sunny Iraq.

We accepted the baton from the outgoing

crew, met with the members and went about the business of building a cohesive team and continuing the communications excellence set by the previous team.

The mission was both challenging and exciting. We were in a position to affect the quality of communications on Balad well into the future. Our team would begin Balad's transitions from tactical communication to a more fixed communications environment. This was done by providing data and voice services, servicing the airfield with tactical hardware, installing a landing control center and a mobile tower system as well as two-way satellite communication.

We installed a new phone switch that provided a 276-percent increase in capacity, and it had the capability to support up to another 410 percent over the deployable system. Likewise, our file server capacity grew 280 percent, a much needed expansion to keep pace with the new missions bedding down at Balad. Plans were also underway to upgrade the flightline systems.

The efforts of AEF 9 and 10 put Balad well on its way to successfully transitioning from a tactical to a more fixed-communications environment.

Most of the plans to transition were al-

ready in place prior to our arrival; however, it was our team's mission to physically put the plan into action.

I am very proud of the progress we made toward the transition effort. I've deployed in support of many operations, but the Balad experience was without a doubt the most memorable in my career.

The rockets and mortars would continue throughout the period of our rotation. However, they never managed to hit the compound where we were staying, until the last weekend. A rocket landed 30 feet from my tent, bidding us farewell from sunny Iraq.

Great strides were made in the improvement of the way communications take place at Balad, which is destined to function as one of the major hubs in the Iraqi theater of operations, and I know the war in Iraq will one day hold a prominent place in our history books. When I sit down to discuss it with my grandchildren, I will be proud to share with them the part I played in ensuring the communications infrastructure was in place and how it contributed to our eventual success in the war on terrorism.

Editor's note: *Senior Master Sgt. Earl Creagh is a communications computer systems superintendent for the 2d CS.*



BARKSDALE'S AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

Airman 1st Class Aaron Nikula, a computer programmer from the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, was named Barksdale's Airman of the Month for October.

Airman Nikula, an Olympia, Wash., native, enjoys backpacking, mixing with his turntables, programming computers and running.

The support his office gives him is what Airman Nikula believes helped him win this award.

"My squadron helped me a lot with getting ready for the wing board by having lots of practice boards and giving me feedback on what I could improve on," Airman Nikula said.

Airman Nikula's supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Cesar Marrero, was excited about the accomplishment.

"It was no surprise to me he would win this award, simply because he is very knowledgeable and quite confident," Sergeant Marrero said.

Airman Nikula talked to the other Airmen in his shop who won the award before as part of his preparation.

"Our NCOs in the squadron prepared two mock boards as practice, and after each session we gave him feedback," Sergeant Marrero said.

"In addition to the mock boards, Airmen in my shop helped me study, too, which was great because quizzing me is how I learn best," the Airman said.

Sergeant Marrero expressed how this accomplishment will benefit Airman Nikula in his Air Force career.

"Any Airman that has the distinction of representing their squadron and competing for Airman of the month can only benefit from the experience, win or lose,"



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class Aaron Nikula

Sergeant Marrero said.

Airman Nikula is looking to further his education and career in the Air Force.

"The main thing I'm looking forward to doing is getting my bachelor's degree in computer sciences," he said. "But for now, I'm just trying to get my Community College of the Air Force degree completed before I leave Barksdale."

Airman Nikula mentioned how programs like this are important for the Airman tier.

"I think it's a great way for dedicated Airmen to distinguish themselves," Airman Nikula said. "Anyone trying for this award shouldn't leave it to chance. Don't guess what it takes to get an award; just ask someone, set a goal and do the work required to win."



Which bomber aircraft was flown?

What bomber aircraft did the 2d Bomb Wing operate from 1954-1963?

- A. B-52 Stratofortress1
- B. B-47 Stratojet**
- C. B-45 Tornado
- D. B-58 Hustler



Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan/2d CS

Draining work:

Airman 1st Class Tarmarcus Spencer from the 2d Maintenance Squadron drains oil from a B-52H bomber engine during periodic maintenance.

News briefs**Retirements****Lt. Col. Roger Anderson**

Lt. Col. Roger Anderson, 8th Air Force, retires after 22 years of dedicated service in a ceremony in the World War II briefing room at the 8th Air Force Museum today at 4 p.m. Dress is business casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Capt. Sean Coveney at 456-4611 for more information.

Master Sgt. Elizabeth Jones

Master Sgt. Elizabeth Jones, 2d Mission Support Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in Chapel Two. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. Terrence Jones at 456-5151.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Delaney

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Delaney, 2d Communications Squadron, retires after 21 years of dedicated service in a ceremony Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. at Hoban Hall. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Tech. Sgt. James Jewell at 456-3173 for more information.

Tobacco cessation class

The Health and Wellness Center offers tobacco cessation classes beginning Jan. 11. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 4. Stop by or call the HAWC at 456-6722 to sign up.

Waterfowl hunting season

Waterfowl hunting season runs Dec. 18

through Jan. 23. Waterfowl hunting on Barksdale closes at 4:00 p.m. each day. During the waterfowl season, no person may discharge a firearm within 100 feet of any waterfowl refuge. Duck hunting restrictions must be observed during the rifle and muzzleloader deer seasons. Call the Natural Resources office at 456-1963 for more information.

Commissary promotion

The Commissary participates in a Special Olympics Promotion from Proctor and Gamble from Dec. 30 through Jan. 12. Proctor and Gamble coupons totaling \$41.30 are available in major newspapers Dec. 26, and additional coupon packets are distributed at the Commissary during the promotion.

Women's History Committee

The WHC holds a meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the manpower conference room, located on the third floor of the 2d Mission Support Group building. Men and new members are encouraged to attend.

Call Master Sgt. Alisha Laird at 456-4299 for more information.

Thrift shop sale

The Barksdale Thrift Shop bag sale is scheduled Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call the thrift shop at 456-8828 for more information.

Top Three

The Barksdale Top Three announced its new officers for 2004. The new officers are: president – Master Sgt. Sanders Louvierre Jr., 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron; vice president – Senior Master Sgt. Marie Butler, 2d Comptroller Squadron; treasurer – Master Sgt. Williamenia Shaw, 2d Operations Support Squadron; secretary – Master Sgt. Terrence Jones, 2d Bomb Wing; and sergeant at arms – Master Sgt. Sammy Ester, 2d BW.

ALS

A graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 05-A is scheduled Thursday at the enlisted club. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Attire for the event is mess dress for officers, mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted and casual evening wear for civilians.

Reservations can be made by contacting one of the students in the class at 456-4739.

Volleyball

Airman Leadership School Class 05-A hosts the Chiefs vs. students volleyball challenge Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the ALS gym.

Kids' Christmas party

The 2d Munitions Squadron Kids' Christmas party is scheduled Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the 2d MUNS conference

room. The party is free and open to children of 2d MUNS members. Reservations are required. Call 456-5033 to reserve a seat.

Independence Bowl volunteers

Volunteer ushers are needed for the Independence Bowl game scheduled Dec. 28 at the Indy Bowl stadium. Assignments are given on a first-come, first-served basis during the practice scheduled for Saturday and Dec. 18 at 9 a.m. at the stadium's northwest ticket booth located off Greenwood Road at the Silver entrance.

Interested volunteers must attend one of the three practices. Contact Tech. Sgt. Sherri Savant, 917th Wing Public Affairs, at 456-9181 for more information.

Airmen cookie drive

This year's Airmen Cookie Drive is scheduled for Dec. 17. Cookies can be dropped off at Chapel One between 7 and 9 a.m.

Call Mrs. Bonnie Woodie at 746-0836 to volunteer or for more information.

Paper deadlines

In observance of the upcoming holidays, The Bombardier will not be published Dec. 24 and 31.

The deadline for the Jan. 7 issue is 4 p.m. Dec. 23. Call The Bombardier staff at 456-3241 for more information.



11 Barksdale Airmen receive Articles 15, three discharges

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

Eleven Barksdale members received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice from Nov. 22 - Dec. 2.

A staff sergeant was absent without leave, disobeyed a direct order and failed to get a pre-departure briefing before traveling. Punishment: reduction to the grade of senior airman and 45 days extra duty.

A staff sergeant disobeyed a direct order and was derelict in his duties by inappropriately storing their computer password. Punishment: reduction to the grade of senior airman.

A senior airman was disrespectful to an NCO and made threats toward leadership. Punishment: reduction to airman first class, suspended reduction to the grade of airman and forfeiture of \$668 pay a month for two months.

A senior airman improperly used his government travel card. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

A senior airman failed to go and used his cell phone in an undesignated area. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman first class and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman first class failed to go and was derelict in his duties by falling asleep on duty.

Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman first class was derelict in his duties by not following proper vehicle procedures. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and 30 days correctional custody.

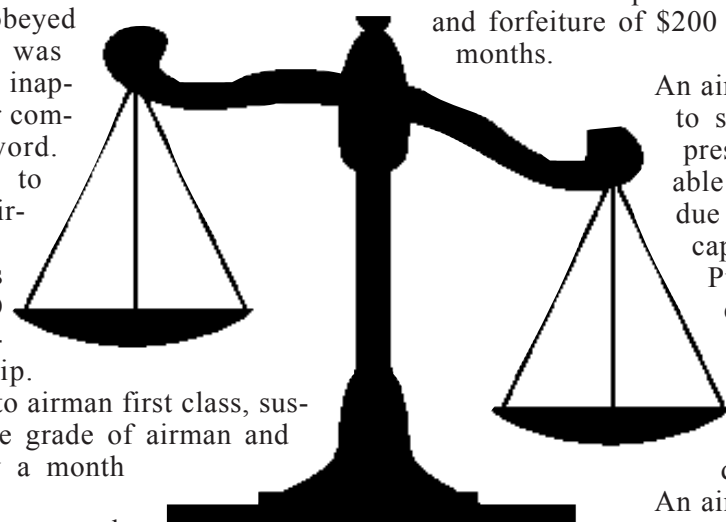
An airman first class was derelict in his duties when he failed to provide notes after studying his Career Development Course, as he was ordered to do. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$200 pay a month for two months.

An airman first class failed to show up at the place prescribed and was unable to perform his duties due to alcohol-related incapacitation.

Punishment: suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay a month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman wrongfully possessed alcoholic beverages in the dorms while being underage. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$596 and 30 days correctional custody.

Under the rapid airman discharge program during the above time frame, there was one discharge for minor disciplinary infractions and two discharges for conditions that interfere with military service.





Tuskegee Airmen chapter introduces young Airmen, area youth to aviation

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY

THE BOMBARDIER

While most teenagers look forward to sleeping late on Saturday mornings, several area teenagers and young Airmen looked to the skies as they participated in the Roscoe C. Brown Jr. chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen's Youth in Aviation class.

The class, which is in its second incarnation, is an avenue to local youth that teaches them about future careers in aviation.

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, presented the participants with certificates and also talked with the students during their final class.

"I'd like to thank these young people for taking advantage of this incredible opportunity," the colonel said. "This opportunity is unique and from talking to the students who participated in the first class, I know it has made an impact on their career choices."

One of the reasons this class was unique wasn't the subject, but the way the lessons were approached. The class material wasn't dry textbook lessons, instead, the students engaged in interactive discussions held by experts in Barksdale's aviation community. The classes were also filled with films and field trips around the base, including a session inside the base's B-52 simulator as well as a tour of a B-52 static display.

"Our chapter is one of the few, if only, Tuskegee Airmen chapters that has such a close affiliation with their base," said Maj. Rod Haley, 8th Air Force and chapter president. "I'm not aware of any other chapter doing a program such as ours. So it's kind of special to have the 2d BW lend its facilities and its instructors, who took time out not only on Saturdays, but time spent building their briefs and setting up the simulators. I really appreciate all the help that was provided."

The wing commander and the chapter president were not the only ones to speak of the class' success. The students were quick to tell about their experiences and what they learned inside the class.

"I've wanted to be a pilot since I was 4, and this class gave me more information than I could have expected," said Darren Davis, a 16-year-old junior from Byrd High School in Shreveport.

Unlike the first class held earlier this spring, this session gave the chance for junior Airmen to broad-

en their knowledge of aviation and enhance their prospects of going to Officer Training School.

Airman 1st Class Shannon Witmer from the 2d Operational Support Squadron found the class to be an eye opener and now definitely wants to pursue OTS. She said the class was enlightening, but offered some advice for the next class.

"I would like to have female speakers give some insight to the class," she said.

While some have looked to their skies their whole lives, Airman 1st Class Anthony Jones Jr. of the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron found his interest in aviation after he arrived at Barksdale and saw the B-52s in action.

"When I got to Barksdale and saw how much flying goes on here, it really interested me in flying," said Airman Jones.

Maj. Nathan Mooney, 2d LRS commander and chapter member was proud to see members of his squadron participate in the class.

"I am extremely proud of these airmen for stepping out and taking steps to do something positive and work toward pursuing their dream of flying one day," Maj. Mooney said.

While Colonel Moeller was congratulating the students of the class, he also announced the wing was submitting the chapter for an award on their efforts in mentoring prospective aviators.

"We're spending a lot of time in the Air Force talking about mentorship and being an example for others," the colonel said. "This chapter is filled with officers who want to make a difference. That is what mentorship is."

The class also included high school students Kymberli Taylor and Chris Tanksley. Airmen in the class were 2d LRS Airmen 1st Class Daniel Fortier, Anthony Jones Jr. and Jordan Villalobos and 2d OSS Airman 1st Class Evan Goldsmith.

The Roscoe C. Brown Jr. chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen was chartered last year with the goals of increasing the community's knowledge of the Tuskegee Airmen legacy and establishing a mentoring program. The chapter was named after Dr. Roscoe Brown Jr. who was the commander of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332d Fighter Group. Dr. Brown completed 64 combat missions.

For more information about the chapter or Youth in Aviation, call Major Haley at 456-2845.

2d CS telephone maintainers keep Barksdale talking



Staff Sgt. Emmitte Tolbert, 2d Communications Squadron telephone maintainer, uses a buttset to check for a tone in the south switch building.



BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

The Air Force constantly reminds its Airmen that communication is vital; it's difficult to imagine doing any job without something as common as a telephone. That's when the 2d Communications Squadron telephone maintainers step up.

"The telephone systems work center is responsible for installing and maintaining all internal telecommunications, DSN and commercial call capabilities on Barksdale," said Staff Sgt. David Casillas, 2d CS telephone maintenance technician.

The shop is constantly kept busy making sure people can communicate to each other on Barksdale.

"Without us you wouldn't be able to call the office next door," said Staff Sgt. Dustin Patterson, 2d CS telephone maintainer.

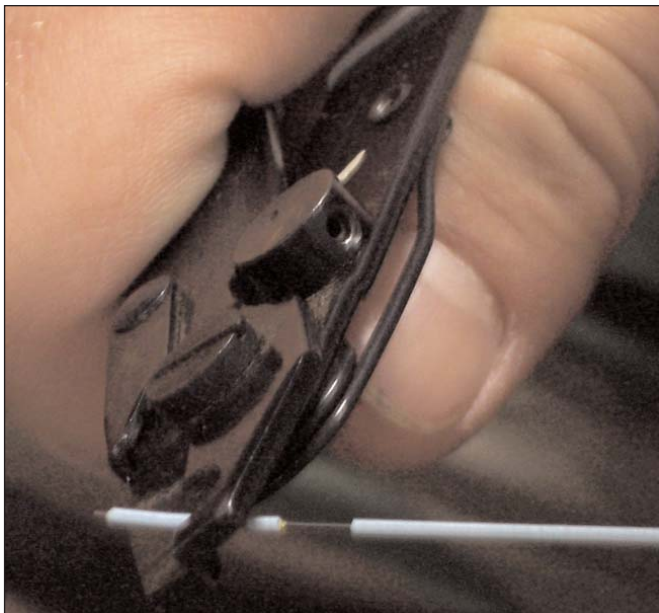
The shop stays busy keeping Barksdale "wired."

"The work requests don't seem to end in this shop," said Senior Airman Finis Chism, 2d CS tele-

phone maintenance technician. "It feels good though to know you're part of the mission, whether it's getting a new phone or line installed, re-locating a phone or fixing any telephone or circuit troubles."

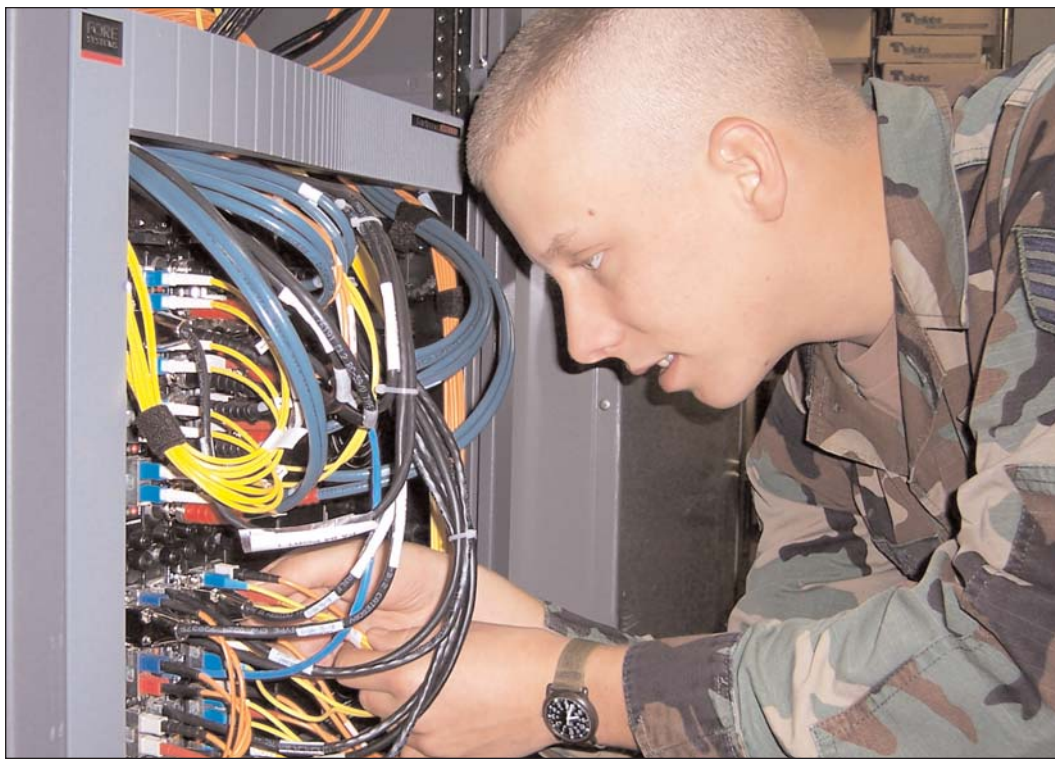
When deployed, the tasks performed are similar for the maintainers.

"When we deploy our job is almost the same; we're just working in sand," Sergeant Patterson said.



Above: An Airman strips a fiber optic cable before installing it.

Right: Staff Sgt. Mike Collins installs a single-mode fiber optic patch to connect the main switch to the Combined Air Operations Center.



2d CS 'Cable Dawgs' connect Barksdale to outside world

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Information is constantly flowing by people communicating on Barksdale, but without the work of the 2d Communications Squadron communications cable and antenna system shop, it would be much harder.

"We perform maintenance on all outdoor, underground copper and fiber optic cables on Barksdale," said Tech Sgt. James Jewell, NCO in charge of the 2d CS cable and antenna systems shop.

"The wires we work on are the main conductors for information on base," said Staff Sgt. Mike Collins, 2d CS cable and antenna systems journeyman. "Without the cables we work on, no one would have internet or telephone connections."

The shop works with both copper and fiber optic cables. Copper cables use an electrical signal while fiber optic cables use light to transmit information.

Although the Air Force moves ahead technologically by leaps and bounds, the Airmen find themselves working with both copper and fiber optic often.

"The Air Force wants to use fiber optic cable," said Airman 1st Class Derrick Vanmeter, 2d CS cable and antenna systems apprentice. "We

don't replace copper with fiber optic, but any new installations are fiber optic."

Since communication is vital in any work center, the shop is always busy whether they're checking to see if current cables work or installing new ones.

"It's interesting to see how our job affects the mission, how people rely on us to communicate with each other," Sergeant Collins said.

Members of the shop enjoy how their job allows them to see and sometimes learn about other peoples' jobs.

"I like that we're always busy working on different areas of the base and not just one small area. It allows us to see other people's jobs and make friends outside our office," said Senior Airman Steve Hunt, 2d CS cable and antenna systems journeyman.

Sergeant Jewell is proud of his job and the work the Airmen in his shop do.

"'Cable Dawgs' are the red meat & potatoes of the communication's world," Sergeant Jewell said. "From the bottom of the muddiest man hole to the top of the highest antenna tower, cable draggers are providing the reigns of command for every Barksdale mission. I'm fortunate that I get work to directly with some of the best the Air Force has to offer."



Above: Senior Airman Finis Chism, 2d CS telephone maintainer, separates CAT5 wiring in a wall jack so he can replace the old, two-port wall jack with a new four-port wall jack.

Left: Staff Sgt. David Casillas, 2d CS telephone maintainer, uses an amplifier to find a tone-generated noise.

Photos by Airman Brandon Kusek

Right: Senior Airman Steve Hunt, 2d CS cable and antenna systems journeyman, removes a temporary, water-tight boot to install a permanent splice closure.



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Mom, DaLynn; dad, Floyd; brothers, Daniel and Rob

Hometown: Yelm, Wash.

Unit: 2d Communications Squadron

Job title: Secure communications technician

Job description: Work on secure terminal equipment, secure telephone unit III's, red phones and strategic automated command and control systems

Most rewarding job aspect: Helping and working with people

Goals: To finish my bachelor's degree in computer sciences

Hobbies: Running, dancing, scrapbooking and reading

What motivates my winning attitude: The people I work with and knowing that we're getting the job done

Job title: Secure communications technician

Favorite sports team: Seattle Mariners

Job description: Work on secure terminal equipment, secure telephone unit III's, red phones and strategic automated command and control systems

Favorite meal: Lasagna

Favorite team: Seondock Saints

Most rewarding jobs aspect: Helping people and working with people

Goals: To finish my bachelor's degree in computer sciences and warm weather



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class Ashley Dalton

Pet peeve: People not being punctual

Hobbies: Running, dancing, scrapbooking and reading

Favorite meal: Lasagna

Barksdale, it would be: Poor street drainage

What motivates my winning attitude: The people I work with and knowing that we're getting the job done

Most influential person knowing Air Force: My dad, he's a retired master sergeant who has the best work ethic of any

Favorite sports team: Seattle Mariners

Favorite meal: Lasagna

2d Communications Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:
Lt. Col. Richard Converse
First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Isaac Anderson

2d Mission Support Group commander:
Col. Colleen Duffy
Squadron motto:
Communicate to dominate

Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Cajun fried turkey

Get a deep fried, seasoned turkey at outdoor recreation for \$29.

Turkeys are seasoned and cooked until tender on the inside and crispy on the outside. The turkeys must be pre-paid by Dec. 17.

Pick up turkeys at the outdoor recreation office on the east side Dec. 23 by 5 p.m., or Dec. 24 by 3 p.m. Call 456-7765 for more information.

New Year's Eve party

Dance the night away at the enlisted club lounge on New Year's Eve.

The party features live music, food, party favors, champagne and a cash balloon drop. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Walk-ins will pay an additional \$5.

Reservations are required by noon Dec. 30. Call 456-4926 to make a reservation.

Gourmet night

Enjoy gourmet dining at the officers club on New Year's Eve.

A hosted cocktail hour is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Guests may enjoy wine, shrimp cocktail, romaine lettuce, mandarin orange and coconut salad, rock lobster with drawn butter and choice beef tenderloin, oven baked seasoned potato, baked tomato with fresh garden greens and amaretto sundae for dessert. A beverage cart with champagne is available after dinner.

Cost is \$29.95 for members and \$34.95 for non-members. Reservations are required.

Call 456-4926 for reservations.

Mudbugs tickets

The Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs Hockey team has four upcoming home games scheduled. The team plays Fort Worth Dec. 17 and 26, and faces Memphis Dec. 18 and 23. Gifts and Getaways has tickets for \$8.

Call 456-1866 or stop by the base exchange mall for more information or to pick up tickets.

Holiday tour of lights trip

Travel with Gifts and Getaways to Natchitoches, La., for the Festival of Lights Dec. 20. The festival is located in the Landmark District on the Cane River. Transportation for the event is included for \$17 a person.

Call 456-1866 for reservations.

Indoor rock climbing trip

The youth center hosts a trip to the Dyno-Rock Indoor climbing gym in Arlington, Texas, Jan. 8 through 9.

The trip is part of the Teen Trail program. Round trip transportation,

an overnight hotel stay, admission to Dyno-Rock, two meals and use of equipment are included for \$10.

Ages 13 to 18 are welcome.

Call 456-3354 for more information or to sign up.

Holiday hours

The following are hours of operation for 2d Services Squadron activities:

Fitness center — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 24 and 31, closes Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Fox Run Golf Course — closes Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The bowling center — open Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closes Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

The officers club's offices — open Dec. 20 through 23 and 27 through 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evening dining, brunch and bingo are closed for December.

The enlisted club — open Dec. 20 and 27. Hangar II is open Dec. 21 and 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. The clubs close Dec. 24 through 26 and Jan. 1 and 2.

The Aero Club — The runway closes at noon Dec. 23. The runway closes, but the Aero Club is open for students Dec. 24 through 26 and 31 through Jan. 2. The runway closes at 7 p.m. Dec. 30.

Arts and crafts and auto hobby — open Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon and closes Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

Equipment rental, library, the Youth Center, Child Development Center and Part-day Enrichment — closes Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

Gifts and Getaways — open Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, closes Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

Flight kitchen — closes Dec. 25. The ground support meal window is open.

Cooking class

Outdoor recreation offers a Dutch oven-cooking class Jan. 22. Students will learn to cook wild game, cornbread, vegetables and dessert in a Dutch oven over a campfire.

The items prepared in the cooking demonstrations will be served to the class. Cost is \$10.

Call 456-7765 by Jan. 14 to sign up.

Grab-n-go lunches

The bowling center offers ready-to-go meals. Enjoy turkey or ham poboy with cheese on a fresh hoagie roll served with chips and a soda.

Price is \$3.50 and guests can get in and out in less than five minutes.

Stop by the bowling center Monday through Friday for a grab-n-go meal.

Breakfast with Santa

Pancakes,
sausage &
juice...



Barksdale
Officers
Club
Ballroom

December 11 at 8 a.m.

\$2 children
\$2.50 adults



Call 456-3448 for reservations



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



“The Incredibles”

Rated: PG

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 115 minutes

Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter

Synopsis: A dysfunctional family of famous super-heroes, led by the retired and overweight Mr. Incredible, is placed in a quiet suburb by the Witness Protection Program in order to protect them from their archenemies.

“Ray”

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 152 minutes

Cast: Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington

Synopsis: Ray Charles went blind at the age of 7. With the support of his determined single mother, he developed the fierce resolve, wit and incredible talent that would eventually enable him to overcome not only Jim Crow racism and the cruel prejudices against the blind, but also discover his own sound which revolutionized American popular music.



“Alfie”

Rated: R

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 106 minutes

Cast: Jude Law, Marisa Tomei

Synopsis: Jude Law stars in this dramatic comedy, a remake of the 1966 British counterculture classic that launched the career of Michael Caine. This version is set in New York City. The story has Alfie, a Don Juan-esque limo driver, speaking directly to the camera as he seduces the lovely ladies of the city.

Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two — Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday — 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday — 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One — Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One — Mondays through Fridays, noon

Catholic Women of the Chapel, Chapel Two annex

Every third Sunday of the month, 2 p.m.

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One

Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two

Sunday, noon

Family night, Chapel Two — Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Festival of Lessons and Carols concert

The Festival of Lessons and Carols concert is Sunday at 7 p.m. at Chapel Two annex. The show features the Chapel Choirs and the Chorale of Centenary College with Chamber Orchestra.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

Today

Lunch — Italian garden soup, mexican chicken, swiss steak
Dinner — Lasagna, spaghetti, Italian sausage

Saturday

Brunch — Pepper pot soup, crispy baked chicken, cajun meat loaf
Supper — Fish almondine, stir fry chicken, pork chops

Sunday

Brunch — Broccoli soup, tuna and noodles, sauerbraten
Supper — Ginger bbq chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna

Monday

Lunch — Chicken noodle, swiss steak, baked chicken
Dinner — Roast turkey, baked can ham, fish and chips

Tuesday

Lunch — Clam chowder, lemon baked fish, schnitzel
Dinner — Paprika beef, bbq beef cubes, chicken fajitas

Wednesday

Lunch — Cajun meatloaf, jambalaya, baked fish, shrimp
Dinner — Chicken with rice soup, pita pizzas, country style steak

Thursday

Lunch — Beef noodle soup, orange spiced chops, liver
Dinner — Mr. Z baked chicken, pepper steak

Dec. 17

Lunch — Seafood Newburg, beef and corn pie, turkey
Dinner — Doubly good chicken, baked fish, Hungarian goulash

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.
Reservations required for all events.

Special duty assignment

The Family Support Center has an opening for a Readiness NCO. Applicants must be a technical sergeant to volunteer for the position and have a recommendation from their current commander, 36 months retainability, and not be in a chronic, critical shortage Air Force Specialty Code. Major responsibilities include coordination of all readiness activities. Nomination packages are due Dec. 29 with a report date of Feb. 1.

Airman’s Attic shopping days

Children of senior airmen and below can shop for their families for free at the Airmen’s Attic today from 3:30 to 7 p.m. New and like-new items will be available for selection.

Budgeting class

A two-hour budgeting class is scheduled Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and is designed to assist servicemembers and their families by providing a working knowledge of establishing a budget. Attendees will learn the concept of budgeting, benefits of budgeting and how to use a budgeting tool. Topics include becoming financially responsible, distinguishing between needs and wants, spending attitude, budgeting, savings, and managing and reducing debt.

2005 air show news

Blue Angels scheduled to perform

The Navy’s aerial demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, announced they will perform at the 2005 Barksdale Air Force Base Open House and Air Show May 14 and 15.

“We are excited that the Blue Angels will be making their first visit to Barksdale and the Ark-La-Tex in five years,” said Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander. “In today’s joint force environment, it is especially appropriate that the Navy’s premier aerial demonstration team will make a visit to the home of the Air Force’s B-52.”

The 2005 show features military and civilian aerial demonstration teams, aircraft static displays, entertainment events, food concessions and a children’s themed area, featuring a variety of games and displays for children. The show also features recruiting displays from all four branches of the U.S. military.

“Each year Barksdale is proud to open its gates for the open house. We really enjoy showing our community partners and the American people what their Air Force and their military is all about,” Colonel Moeller said. “It is also our opportunity to give a little bit back to the people of the Ark-La-Tex for the tremendous support they give Barksdale 365 days a year.”

Admission and parking for the open house and air show are free. Visitors are prohibited from bringing large containers (backpacks, coolers, etc.) on base because of security reasons, but smaller containers such as diaper bags and camera bags are permitted following a search. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from a variety of vendors. Smoking is allowed in designated areas.

Sports shorts

Youth bowlers compete by mail

Youth ages 5 to 18 can compete in a bowling competition with youth from around the world. The available dates to bowl are Dec. 18, Jan. 15 and 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. Children ages 5 to 8 may use bumpers. The scores are sent to compete with other bases. Trophies are presented for first through third place in high game and high series. Cost is \$4.50 a child. Bowlers may register at the bowling center at 3:45 p.m. on competition days.
Call 456-3448 or sign up in advance at the youth center.

Holiday bowling specials

While league play is cancelled Dec. 20 through Jan. 1, the bowling center offers three hours of unlimited bowling for \$8 from 6-9 p.m.
Call 456-4133 for details about other daily specials.

Free golf clinics

Fox Run golf course offers free golf clinics on Saturdays beginning Jan. 8 through 29 at 9 a.m. The clinics include free range balls and free golf club usage. Players of all skill levels are welcome.
Call 456-2263 or stop by the Fox Run pro shop to sign up.

Family focus

The fitness center hosts a family exercise competition Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. Families compete in free throws, a football relay, a quarter-mile relay fun run and a basketball shuttle race. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Resolution Solution 5K run

Kick off the New Year with a resolution to stay in shape. The Resolution Solution is at 11 a.m. Jan. 18 and features a 5K run or walk, aerobathon and circuit training session. Free refreshments are provided and door prizes will be given away. The top three male and female runners receive awards. Call 456-4135 to sign up.

Bowling special

The bowling center has a Sunday special that includes unlimited bowling for three hours and a choice of the following meals: burgers, chicken strips, hot dogs, corndogs or grilled cheese with fries and a soda. Cost for two guests is \$29.29, cost for four guests is \$39.95 and cost for six guests is \$49.95. Additionally, if bowlers throw a strike when they have a red pin they win a free game of bowling.

Martial arts classes

Tae kwon do and iai jujitsu are available Mondays through Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$45 a month and family rates are available.
Call 456-3448 for more about the classes.

Fox Run clubhouse

Construction on the new clubhouse is under way at Barksdale's Fox Run Golf Course. People wanting to play golf are reminded the old clubhouse and course are still open to anyone wanting to come out and play, but parking is limited.

Intramural football scoreboard

W	L	Editor's note: There were regular season games left to play, but inclement weather prohibited the games from being played. Therefore, the playoffs will start with every team qualifying. The top five teams get a first round bye.	
12	1		
10	1		
9	2		
8	3	Standings as of Dec. 1	Second round Monday
8	4		
7	6	Intramural football playoffs	8:30 p.m. 2d MDG vs 2d MSS/2d MOS
6	4	First round Monday:	Tuesday
6	5		
6	7	5:30 p.m. AWC/2d SVS vs LRS	5:30 p.m. winner game 1 vs 2d MXS
5	5	6:00 p.m. 8th AF vs 2d MUNS	6:30 p.m. winner game 2 vs 2d AMXS
2	10	7:30 p.m. 2d CES vs 2d CS #2	7:30 p.m. winner game 3 vs 2d CS #1

2d MXS
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